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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

John Francis BOULTON

Serial No. 10/519,101  
based on Int'l Appln. PCT/AU2003/000795

Int'l Filing Date: June 25, 2003

For: BRIDGING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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This is in response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed July 5, 2005,  
copy attached.

The Notification Of Missing Requirements indicates that the oath or declaration of the inventors must be furnished. However, as indicated by the attached copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt, the Declaration And Power Of Attorney and a Second Preliminary Amendment were filed June 23, 2005. A copy of the Transmittal Letter, Declaration and Second Preliminary Amendment, as filed on June 23, 2005, is attached.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that a Notice Of Acceptance and official Filing Receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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<b>CONFIRMATION NO. 9494</b> <b>371 FORMALITIES LETTER</b>  *OC00000016432024*		

Date Mailed: 07/05/2005

**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/27/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/27/2004
- Small Entity Statement filed on 12/27/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/27/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/27/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 12/27/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

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Applicant: BOULTON, John  
Serial No. 10/519,101  
Date: June 23, 2005

The Patent and Trademark Office date stamped hereon is acknowledgment that the following items were received by the PTO on the date stamped:

1. Transmittal Letter Form PTO-1390
2. Declaration/POA
3. Second Preliminary Amendment
4. Return receipt postcard

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SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO-1390 <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		10/519,101 RECEIVED PTO 18 AUG 2005 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 15309.0001
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU03/000795	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 June 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/519,101
TITLE OF INVENTION BRIDGING APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US John Francis BOULTON		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
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